MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Excess salt in the Alleppey and Munambam Port Salt Depots.

200. MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether in the Alleppey and Munambam Port Salt Depôts, there were any occasions during 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103 and 1104 when excess salt was found at the end of a sale season; and

(*b*) whether such excess salt was ever credited in the Government accounts?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There were cases of excess in the two depôts at the time of emptying the sheds during each of the years from 1100 to 1104.

(*b*) The excess was credited to the Government.

Bridge at Chunkam.

201 MR. F S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of months since the bridge at Chunkam, Alleppey, became unfit for use;

(*b*) the number of months since it was dismantled;

(*c*) the year in which the estimate for the bridge was sanctioned; and

(*d*) the reasons for the delay in carrying out the work?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) The member is referred to the answers to parts (*b*) (*c*) and (*e*) of interpellation No. 101 asked by Mr. V. J. Oommen.

Minimum qualification for District Registrars and the Director of Registration.

202. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have fixed, by any G. O. or otherwise, that only a graduate in arts could be appointed as a District Registrar;

(*b*) if so, the date of such order or rule; and

(*c*) whether the above rule does not apply to appointment as Director of Registration, and, if not, why not?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) 13th September 1911.

(*c*) No; the rule was intended to apply only to the District Registrars.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*). With reference to the answer to part (*b*) may I know whether, after the 13th September 1911, any person, who is not a graduate, has been appointed as District Registrar?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to part (*c*), am I to understand that no minimum qualification has been fixed for the Director of Registration?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): So far as that appointment is concerned, no such restriction has been placed by Government. It is only in regard to District Registrars that a minimum qualification has been fixed.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether it is not in view of the efficiency of service that the qualification of a graduate has been fixed as the minimum for the post of District Registrars?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That question has not cropped up for consideration in this connection.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Anyhow Government have fixed a minimum qualification in the case of District Registrars. May I know what was the consideration that induced them to fix such a minimum qualification?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I think it was the consideration of efficiency.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Am I to understand that, with regard to the post of Director of Registration, such efficiency is not necessary?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is a post which is far above the grade of District Registrars; and so, only men of tried efficiency and capacity will be appointed to that post.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Am I to understand that it is irrespective of qualification?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No such restriction in the matter of qualification has as yet been fixed for that post.

Revision of pay of Vernacular School Teachers.

203. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the revision of pay of the Vernacular School teachers sanctioned by the Government, will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) when they intend to give effect to the same;

(*b*) the cause for the delay; and

(*c*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has recommended the appointment of a special staff in connection therewith, and, if so, what is its composition?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Government propose to give effect to the revision as early as possible.

(*c*) Yes. The special staff recommended by the Director of Public Instruction is as follows:—

(1) An Educational Officer on the minimum pay of an Assistant Inspector of Schools with the usual deputation allowance and a consolidated travelling allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem.

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